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SUBJECT: COURT DATE SET FOR FORMER PM HAMA AMADOU; MEDICAL
EVACUATION OFFERED, REJECTED, COUNTERED

Ref: a) Niamey 00252, b) Niamey 00227, c) Niamey 00163, d) Niamey
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[¶1.](#) (U) On April 8, the Investigative Commission referred the case of former Prime Minister Hama Amadou to the High Court of Justice (HCJ). In doing so, the Commission also stated that Amadou embezzled 39 million CFA instead of the 100 million announced in the lower court's and the National Assembly's preliminary investigation (ref c). On April 14, Hamas' lawyers requested his provisional release from the High Court of Justice, which will hear the case on April 23.

[¶2.](#) (U) On April 10, Minister of Justice Dagra Mamadou held a press conference on Hama Amadou's health. Mamadou stated that on the morning of April 10, President Tandja ordered that Amadou be evacuated by presidential plane to the Royal Army Hospital in Morocco. Mamadou confirmed that Amadou promptly rejected this offer. Amadou's personal doctor and lawyers continue to request that Amadou be transferred to the American Hospital near Paris.

[¶3.](#) (U) Minimize considered.

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